

**CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA
JOINT MEETING OF THE DELTONA CITY COMMISSION
AND THE WILLIAM S. HARVEY SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE
MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2010**

A Joint Meeting of the Deltona City Commission and the William S. Harvey Scholarship Selection Committee was held on Monday, August 2, 2010 at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 2345 Providence Blvd., Deltona, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Mulder.

Deltona City Commission:

Mayor	Dennis Mulder	Present
Vice Mayor	Michele McFall-Conte	Absent (Excused)
Commissioner	Michael Carmolingo	Present
Commissioner	Zenaida Denizac	Present
Commissioner	Janet Deyette	Present
Commissioner	Paul Treusch	Present
Commissioner	Herb Zischkau	Present (via phone)
City Manager	Faith Miller	Present
City Attorney	Gary Cooney	Present
City Clerk	Joyce Kent	Present

Also present: Human Resources Director Tom Acquaro; and Deputy City Manager Dave Denny.

William S. Harvey Scholarship Selection Committee:

Vice Chairperson	Dawn Drysdale	Present
Committee Member	Peggy Fisher	Present
Committee Member	Heidi Herzberg	Present
Committee Member	Don Philpitt	Present
Committee Member	Alice Russell	Present
Committee Member	Neal Ferrari	Present

2. INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS:

The members of the Scholarship Committee introduced themselves.

3. BUSINESS:

A. Discussion re: issue related to Scholarship Selection criteria and the Committee/Commission's role in the process.

Commissioner Carmolingo stated there was a question in the Scholarship Committee minutes that he felt challenged him changing some of the scholarship awards. He stated in FY 2008/2009 15

scholarships were awarded with eight (8) \$1,000 scholarships awarded and in FY 2009/2010 the Committee suggested 11 scholarships be awarded with no \$1,000 scholarship awarded. He stated he had heard that a \$1,000 scholarship was not enough but, he believes \$1,000 would go a long way. He stated he appreciates what the Committee does because it is a big part of the City. He stated the bottom line is the Commission makes the final decision, he thought what he did was fair and he did not change the ranking only the amounts to be able to offer scholarships to four (4) extra students.

Ms. Drysdale stated the discussions leading up to how to disperse the awards was very animated and the Committee members were torn as to whether a \$1,000 scholarship would really help a student. She stated it was a tough decision, she understands Commissioner Carmolingo's point but, several good points were brought up at the Committee's last meeting as to why the \$1,000 scholarship would not help a student.

Mayor Mulder stated his only concern was if the Commission agreed to the recommended changes would it hurt the morale of the Committee. He stated he thought that the students who would receive the \$1,000 scholarship may have otherwise not received any scholarship which is why he supported Commissioner Carmolingo's motion. He asked if the Committee had any suggestions on how to improve the process, does the staff process seem to be working and what could be done better.

Ms. Fisher stated she took into account when reading the applications how many scholarships the student applied for and she was supportive of keeping the \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$3,000 scholarships.

Mr. Philpit stated the guidance the Committee had was that the scholarship limits were between \$1,000 and \$3,000 and there was no guidance from the Commission as to them wanting to award as many scholarships as possible or to award a certain number of scholarships. He stated yes, the students were glad to receive the \$1,000 scholarship but, the reality is \$1,000 does not do a whole lot. He asked the Commission to provide more guidance as to what they would like the Committee to do.

Commissioner Carmolingo stated he would like to see as many scholarships awarded as possible. He stated he does think \$1,000 is going to help some of the families in Deltona, even if it pays for half of the cost of their books.

Ms. Herzberg stated the ranking sheet is weighted on financial aid depending on the finances of the student. She asked what happens if the funds go down, would the Commission adjust the 15 scholarships it wants to award.

Mayor Mulder stated the Committee can assume the amount of funding will remain the same for the next year and that every budget cycle the Commission would need to communicate through the City Manager if they want to change course next year ahead of the Committee doing months of work.

Commissioner Denizac stated the reason she voted against Commissioner Carmolingo's motion was because she did not want to change the rules and wanted to be respectful of the work the

Committee had done. She stated a lot of “A” students already have a full scholarship so she is more inclined to focus on the “B” or “C” students who may need the most help and those students with the least amount of scholarships.

Mayor Mulder suggested if there was a way for the Committee or staff to evaluate those students who were struggling the most and should not be working as much and the Commission concurred.

Commissioner Deyette suggested not worrying about the minimum amount of award and to have those with the greatest need hold the most weight.

Ms. Fisher suggested increasing the points for financial need and decreasing them for academic.

Commissioner Denizac suggested not looking at how many students will receive scholarships but, look at each student’s situation individually.

Mayor Mulder asked if there could be a place on the application for the balance of the financial aid the student needs. Ms. Drysdale replied the problem is when the applications are submitted the students do not have all their award letters from the schools they want to attend. The applications are due to the Committee in April and most of the acceptance letters do not come out until the middle of May. Mayor Mulder suggested re-evaluating the timing.

Ms. Russell stated the Sons of Italy awarded three (3) \$1,000 scholarships, at the State level there were 15 \$1,000 scholarships awarded and everyone was very happy to receive the \$1,000 scholarship. She stated if students can live at home and take the money to pay for books at a community college that could be the difference as to whether or not a child gets higher education.

Commissioner Carmolingo suggested setting the amount of scholarships to be awarded at 15 and Ms. Fisher replied maybe it could be a minimum of 15 scholarships.

Mayor Mulder suggested making a set of recommendations and letting the Committee have a discussion on it each year with the ranking remaining the same but, if something comes up that is extraordinary it would be nice for the Committee to communicate that through the staff liaison.

Commissioner Treusch stated the kids and the community need to be better educated that the more everyone recycles the more scholarships that can be awarded and the more kids that can be helped. He stated if anyone sees someone pick-up the recycling other than Waste Pro it needs to be reported.

Ms. Fisher asked what the City is getting paid for, is it the recycled paper, aluminum or plastic and Ms. Miller replied everything that is placed in the recycling bin, however, the commodities price has gone down.

Ms. Fisher suggested concentrating on recycling at Dewey O’ Boster Park for events and set an example for the community. Ms. Miller replied that staff can try to work out something with Waste Pro.

Mr. Philpit suggested not less than 15 scholarships be awarded and Mayor Mulder stated that seemed to be the consensus of the Commission. He stated if there is a change it is important for those members on the Commission next year to remind the Commission that if there is a change in thinking it needs to be passed on to the Committee.

Ms. Herzberg stated the amounts need to be between \$1,000 and \$3,000 scholarships and the Commission concurred.

Commissioner Zischkau asked why the scholarships are not awarded to students going to school out of State and Mayor Mulder replied the fund was set up where it could be applied to Florida schools and is subject to change. Commissioner Denizac stated if a student can afford paying out of State tuition then there is not a need for a scholarship.

Motion by Commissioner Zischkau that the Commission rescind the proposed by-laws and changes in the agenda item to the City Attorney for clean-up before the Commission approves them.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Miller stated the Committee is working on the by-laws and it was provided only as back-up. Mayor Mulder stated the City Attorney can look at the by-laws before it comes to the Commission for approval.

Mayor Mulder suggested having signs made up, have some kind of attractive container and something that says "Did you know that these dollars go to sending Deltona kids to college".

Commissioner Carmolingo thanked everyone for attending the meeting and he is happy that he had the opportunity to call the workshop.

4. CLOSING COMMENTS:

Committee Member Comments: None.

Commission Comments: None.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Joyce Kent, CMC, CITY CLERK